

Indiana COAD Development Program Partners



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Community Organizations Active in Disaster Indiana Development Program

A Guide for Community Collaboration in Disaster Preparedness



Indiana COAD development is a partnership of:

Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Citizens Corps, Indiana VOAD, Purdue EDEN and the Hope Crisis Response Network

What is a COAD?

A Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD) is a collaboration of organizations and/or agencies, based within a community or geographic area, which is composed of representatives from public, private and not-for-profit agencies.

The COAD helps to create an awareness and assist in a community's ability to mitigate, prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, thus meeting human needs that provide for a safe, sanitary and secure community.



Mission of a COAD

COAD's have a broad mission to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination by sharing programs, policies, information, joint planning and training.

The local COAD works to identify and respond in a collaborative effort to address the following:

**Mitigation-Prevention-Preparedness
Response-Recovery**

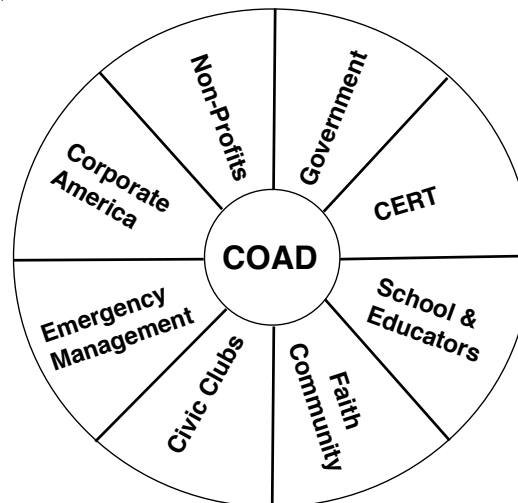
Keys to a Successful COAD

- Develop a structure that works for your community
- Develop a relationship with Emergency Management
- Be inclusive with membership
- Define relationship to Citizen Corps
- Maintain relationships
- Create MOU's where needed
- Collaborate with the Indiana VOAD
- Help to establish a CERT program
- Identify hazards in your community
- Prepare for response and recovery
- Identify gaps in services
- Develop a written recovery plan
- Incident Command Structure (ICS)
- Hold table top exercises
- Conduct cross training among and between agencies
- Develop Geographic Information Systems Mapping
- Map the assets of the community including shelters & available housing partners

Collaboration

Development

Asset Building



COAD Development Program

The need for Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) became painfully clear in 2008 when historical flooding took place here in Indiana. Over 25,000 Hoosier families were impacted by statewide flooding.

Although Indiana was recognized for its tremendous response by the Federal Government and the National VOAD, it was clear we could do better.

With the leadership of Isaac Randolph, Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and Steve Cain, President of the Indiana VOAD, a task force was created to help foster collaborations to better serve their communities pre and post disaster.

The COAD development program helps to bring together community resources and create the structure and framework needed to provide for an effective response.

- Development program is free of charge
- Grants are available to qualifying groups
- Local & State Government support
- Local, State and National support of the VOAD communities

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